



Vikings are coming!



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Chapter 1 by Joakim

You are the leader of a small castle - you must save your people

Rumors has been spreading about Viking attacks in both the south and to the north. They come by sea and don't leave anyone alive. You have sent out riders to the closest cities but none has returned.

What do you do?

Chapter 2 by Erika A



By the stretch of land that your forefathers claimed, connected to the desolate lands of Ryke from the great bridge Agnar, you swear by your own life to protect the family name and all that is great within your land. Therefore, you call to your council - for time is running short. Not knowing what may occur in the near future you take it upon yourself to seek guidance in whom you believe you can trust.

What happens next?

Chapter 3 by Skeld

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You enter the council chamber and
Trustworthy Ministers You
to sit and start discussing the matter.

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You motion the ministers

Your loyal General Adam is the first to speak-

"My liege, I have some information that has cost me very dearly. We can now exactly predict the route the raiders will take to enter our island. It is the eastern shore." He announces excitedly.

Then, your cunning minister of Finance speaks-

"Aye, my liege. We may stand a chance. We have... what 200 men, General?

Well, then. That should suffice. These Vikings are plunderers and arsonists, nothing more-" You ask the minister to make his point quickly. The minister nods. "All I propose is that you, my liege, should quickly transfer our wealth and jewels to a safe harbor. That way, we can be rest assured that, if we should fail. The Vikings have nothing to steal."

Then, it is the minister of Administration's turn to speak-

"My liege, I agree with Angum, but I also like to add that it would be prudent to shift our city's women and children to a safe haven. In that way, we can ensure the security of our city-dwellers."

You consider the options carefully. Then, you find that you have a problem.

You have loyal and experienced men, that's true. But, you find that you only have one small cargo ship. It can either hold the people or the wealth.

What option would you choose?

Chapter 4 by Smurffix



You choose neither. You can't cower away from the vikings forever. This castle must hold. Men will fight more fiercely when protecting their loved ones, and what are riches without subjects?

"Angnum" You start. "Order the cargo ships to hoard as much provisions into the castle as possible." Turning to General Adam you continue. "How long till the vikings arrive?" After a short estimation he answers.

"They will anchor in about a week, depending on the seas. If they hurry they could be here in two, but it's most likely that we have about twenty days." Without hesitation you continue with

a another question.

"How fast can we get help?" Short of time, you quickly stammered with his answer.

"Baron Windfree might help us. He could probably get our ship in less than two weeks. Then there is also Duke Angum. He can reach us in a little over

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two weeks, if he decides to help." You call for your messengers, Roth and Carl, to be brought to the council.

"Excuse me my liege." General Adam interrupts. "Carl was killed obtaining the information about the vikings arrival. We have only one messenger and we need everybody else."

Leaning back into your chair you consider what to do. Should you send for the baron and get a small but more certain help, or should you call for the duke who could come with more help, but might come too late or not at all.

What do you do?

Chapter 5 by Erika A



You write to Baron Windfree without a moment's hesitation about the plight at hand, and then realize that the public knows naught of the of the future advancement of the Vikings. A week past by and you hear nothing from the Baron and so you begin to think that you just may be on your own. Your council grows restless from the silence created from the other end and unanimously come to an agreement that your only option left is to simply call to your public for a gain within your ranks. Then you begin to think about the wealth and people you swore to protect, and the one cargo ship that you own. Finally, you draw up a conclusion of how you could potentially save most of your wealth along with your land's women and children, but only in the event of calling upon the boys and men of your land. The Vikings are only nineteen hours away from shore, and your council tells you that they are to attack at dawn.

How do you handle this?

Chapter 6 by Smurffi_IX



Thinking about your decision you realize the General lied to you. You were to have one more week before they were to arrive. You also realize that the minister of finances never gathered extra provisions. He downright refused an order without explanation. To clear your head you take a walk through the castle. For some reason you walk through the stables. You pat every horse on your way. There is Galldur, your hunting horse. Ballimat, your war horse. Hillian, your wife's mare. A dozen working horses. Half of the horses of the dead count and Naban. Both the

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about to warn you. You can't entrust your gold to the minister of finances. And you don't need help because there is no attack.

Looking around you notice that the stable boy is watching you. He is probably in on it. What do you do? Act like nothing happened, or force him to speak.

Chapter 7 by Kai Skeleton



You have come to the conclusion that if your own council isn't trustworthy, then the stable boy can't be either.

You move toward him with narrowed brows, a look of betrayal lay there in your eyes as you lift him up by his shirt collar demanding answers.

The boy seems unmoved by your actions, "I don't know what you're demanding of me, your grace." He answered straight-forwardly, his expression unchanging.

You shake your head, "Of course, you don't!" You begin to yell in his face. "You really expect me to believe that?!" You then realize that the stable boy has relations to your most trusted horseman, which feeds wood to the burning fire of rage within you. "I ought ta kill you!" You go to slam his head against the brick of the stable, aiming to pull your sword from the scabbard.

He begins to squirm as his skull connects with the brick, "I yield, I yield!" He cries.

You slip the sword back into the scabbard and pull him toward you, "Then speak!" You continue to yell in his face, spit flying onto his face.

"Many members of your royalty has decided that the attack was going to be the perfect time to achieve their own riches... They were going to seek peace between the vikings, offering your life for theirs. I'm sorry, your grace." He whispered.

So, there was an attack but it was expected later than they had told you.

You throw him into the hay and move to turn away so that you can head back to the castle, but in the distance you hear a horn and the sound of thundering horse feet coming toward your village.

You look toward the noise, seeing fire coming toward you and quickly realize that time has run out. The vikings are here and your men are out to betray you. What are your next moves?

Choose carefully and wisely, trust no one, not even your council.

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Chapter 8 by Anella

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I lost my empire that day and I will never see it again.

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